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USUN FOR LOS DELEGATION

1. POLCOUNS SAW MUSHEBEKWA, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FONAFFS, MARCH 16, AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL REGARDING US DESIRE TO SEE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF LOS TREATY AT NEW YORK SESSION CONFERENCE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON GOZ CONCERNS, MUSHEBEKWA SAID GOZ DELEGATION WILL BE CONCENTRATING ON COMMITTEE I ISSUES AND ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. GOZ, HE SAID, PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECT EXPLOITATION AND EXPLORATION OF DEEP SEABED MINERALS. WILL HAVE ON PRODUCTION AND PRICES OF LANDBASED MINERALS. AS MINERAL PRODUCING COUNTRY, IT WISHES TO SEE SOME FORM OF PRICE SUPPORT SCHEME TO PROTECT ITS OWN MINERAL EXPORTS.

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AT SAME TIME GOZ BELIEVES INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY SHOULD HAVE

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY IN EXPLOITATION AND EXPLORATION OF DEEP SEABED. FOR THIS REASON IT DOES NOT SUPPORT CONCEPT OF "PRIVATE RESERVES" WHICH, ACCORDING TO MUSHEBEKWA, IMPLICIT IN US PROPOSAL CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISES.

2. MUSHEBEKWA SAID GOZ FAVORED 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WITH COASTAL STATES HAVING CONTROL OVER RESEARCH OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. GOZ PREPARED ACCEPT CONCEPT OF SHARED RESEARCH OF MINERAL RESOURCES IN CASES, SUCH AS ITS OWN, WHERE ECONOMIC ZONES OF SEVERAL COASTAL STATES ARE LIKELY TO OVERLAP. REGARDING LIMITS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF, MUSHEBEKWA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 200 MILES, IE. AREA OF ECONOMIC ZONE, EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE MORE.

3. TURNING TO PROBLEM OF LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES, MUSHEBEKWA SAID THAT ZAIRE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FALLING WITHIN THIS CATEGORY, PARTICULARLY AS RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS IN ANGOLA WHICH THREATENS ITS ACCESS TO SEA. AS SUCH, GOZ SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO SEA. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT GOZ WAS LESS CONCERNED ABOUT PROBLEMS OF MARINE POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN VIEW OF ITS LIMITED COASTLINE (30 KMS).

4. COMMENT: MUSHEBEKWA HEADED THE ZAIRIAN DELEGATION AT LAST TWO SESSIONS OF LOS CONFERENCE. AT THAT TIME HE WAS IN CHARGE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS IN FONAFFS. HE HAS NOW BEEN PROMOTED TO RANK OF AMBASSADOR AND ASSUMED NEW FUNCTIONS AS DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND NEW YORK SESSION, EXCEPT FOR A BRIEF PERIOD. HIS DEPUTY WHO WAS ON DELEGATION IN GENEVA WILL HOW EVER ATTEND. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DESPITE HIS NEW POSTION, MUSHEBEKWA WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW LOS MATTERS.

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